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FOR: PREPARATION FOR THE TRANSPORT OF AN ACTIVE SUBSTANCE
ACROSS BARRIERS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action dated April 10, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 22, 24-29, 30, 33, 49-50, 53, 84-85 and 87-89 to read as follows:

22. A method for producing a preparation for transporting at least one active ingredient through the skin or mucous membrane of a mammal comprising:

- selecting a first amphiphilic lipid component; and
- selecting a second amphiphilic lipid component and selecting at least one active ingredient; or
- selecting an amphiphilic active ingredient to form a second amphiphilic lipid component, and optionally selecting one or more further active ingredients;
- said first and second amphiphilic lipid components being selected so that the solubility of the second amphiphilic lipid component in a pharmaceutically acceptable suspending medium is at least ten times greater than the solubility of the first amphiphilic lipid component in said medium;
- adapting the composition or concentration of the preparation for transport through skin or mucous membrane, by adjusting the content of the more soluble component to less than